

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-57. (Canceled)

58. (New) In a computer system that has a camera for capturing video and that receives telephone calls, a method for commencing a video capture simultaneously with answering a telephone call, the method comprising:

receiving a telephone call that supports video at a computer system;

displaying an indication to a user of the computer system that the telephone call has been received;

in response to the user pressing a button of the computer system, simultaneously answering the telephone call and commencing a video capture; and

streaming the captured video in conjunction with the telephone call.

59. (New) The method of claim 58 further comprising:

in response to the user pressing the button during the telephone call, hanging up the telephone call and ending the video capture.

60. (New) The method of claim 58 further comprising:

in response to the user closing a lens of the camera, ending the video capture without hanging up the telephone call such that the telephone call transitions to an audio only state.

61. (New) The method of claim 60 further comprising:

subsequent to the user closing the lens of the camera and in response to the user opening the lens of the camera, recommencing the video capture.

62. (New) The method of claim 58 wherein the button is located on one of the following:

the camera,
a computer monitor,
a computer keyboard,
a computer housing,
a communications panel, and
a remote control.

63. (New) The method of claim 58 wherein the button comprises one of a capture button and a shutter button.

64. (New) The method of claim 58 further comprising:
determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video and in response, streaming a still image.

65. (New) The method of claim 64 wherein the still image comprises the last frame captured prior to determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video stream.

66. (New) A computer storage medium having stored computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer system having a camera for capturing video perform a method for commencing a video capture simultaneously with answering a telephone call, the method comprising:

receiving a telephone call that supports video at a computer system;

displaying an indication to a user of the computer system that the telephone call has been received;

in response to the user pressing a button of the computer system, simultaneously answering the telephone call and commencing a video capture; and

streaming the captured video in conjunction with the telephone call.

67. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 66 further comprising:

in response to the user pressing the button during the telephone call, hanging up the telephone call and ending the video capture.

68. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 66 further comprising:

in response to the user closing a lens of the camera, ending the video capture without hanging up the telephone call such that the telephone call transitions to an audio only state.

69. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 68 further comprising:

subsequent to the user closing the lens of the camera and in response to the user opening the lens of the camera, recommencing the video capture.

70. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 66 wherein the button is located on one of the following:

the camera,

a computer monitor,

a computer keyboard,

a computer housing,

a communications panel, and
a remote control.

71. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 66 wherein the button comprises one of a capture button and a shutter button.

72. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 66 further comprising:
determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video and in response, streaming a still image.

73. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 72 wherein the still image comprises the last frame captured prior to determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video stream.

74. (New) A computer system that has a camera for capturing video and that receives telephone calls comprising:

a processor; and

a memory in communication with the processor having stored thereon instructions which when executed cause the processor to perform a method for commencing a video capture simultaneously with answering a telephone call, the method comprising:

receiving a telephone call that supports video at the computer system;

displaying an indication to a user of the computer system that the telephone call has been received;

in response to the user pressing a button of the computer system, simultaneously answering the telephone call and commencing a video capture; and

streaming the captured video in conjunction with the telephone call.

75. (New) The system of claim 74 wherein the performed method further comprises:
in response to the user pressing the button during the telephone call, hanging up the telephone call and ending the video capture.

76. (New) The system of claim 74 wherein the performed method further comprises:
in response to the user closing a lens of the camera, ending the video capture without hanging up the telephone call such that the telephone call transitions to an audio only state.

77. (New) The system of claim 76 wherein the performed method further comprises:
subsequent to the user closing the lens of the camera and in response to the user opening the lens of the camera, recommencing the video capture.

78. (New) The system of claim 74 wherein the button is located on one of the following:
the camera,
a computer monitor,
a computer keyboard,

a computer housing,
a communications panel, and
a remote control.

79. (New) The system of claim 74 wherein the button comprises one of a capture button and a shutter button.

80. (New) The system of claim 74 wherein the performed method further comprises:
determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video and in response, streaming a still image.

81. (New) The system of claim 80 wherein the still image comprises the last frame captured prior to determining that there is insufficient light for capturing the video stream.